



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2013 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 1, 2013
Schedule 18**

PLEASE NOTE: February 1 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 4.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 1, 2013

SB 539 **Senator Raskin, et al**

**FIREARMS – DETACHABLE MAGAZINES – MAXIMUM CAPACITY
FOR AMMUNITION**

Reducing to 10 rounds the maximum capacity for ammunition of a detachable magazine for a firearm that can be manufactured, sold, offered for sale, purchased, received, or transferred; and reducing to 10 rounds the maximum capacity for ammunition of a magazine which, when used by a person in the commission of a felony or a crime of violence, results in that person being guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to specified penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, §§ 4-305 and 4-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 540 Senator Raskin, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – REPORTING LOST OR STOLEN**

Requiring a dealer or any other person who sells or transfers a regulated firearm to notify the purchaser or recipient at the time of purchase or transfer that the purchaser or recipient is required to report a lost or stolen regulated firearm to the local law enforcement agency; requiring the owner of a regulated firearm to report the loss or theft of the regulated firearm to the local law enforcement agency within 72 hours after the owner discovers the loss or theft; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PS, § 5-144 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 541 Senator Young**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED PODIATRISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Altering the definition of “practice podiatry” to include the surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture in the scope of practice of licensed podiatrists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HO, § 16-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 542 Senator Young, et al**ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES – ELECTIONEERING**

Requiring that electioneering be allowed on the premises of a public building that is used for a polling place up to a specified electioneering boundary; prohibiting a polling place from being located in a privately owned building unless the owner of the building agrees to allow electioneering on the premises up to a specified electioneering boundary; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

EL, § 10-101(a)(3) and (4) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 543 Senator Frosh**FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – WAIVER OF TUITION AND OTHER CHARGES**

Altering the definition of “tuition” to include specified other charges for attending a public institution of higher education; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ED, § 15-106.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 544 Senator Frosh, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – AMMUNITION – SALES RECORDS**

Requiring a person engaged in the business of selling ammunition to keep specified records of ammunition sales; requiring a person engaged in the business of selling ammunition to verify specified information; requiring the Secretary of State Police to adopt specified regulations; authorizing the Secretary or the Secretary’s designee to inspect specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PS, §§ 5-601 through 5-604 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 545 Senator Frosh, et al**LEGISLATIVE IMMUNITY – PROSECUTIONS FOR BRIBERY**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that the legislative immunity or privilege for words spoken in debate does not apply in a prosecution for bribery; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 18 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 546 Senator Frosh, et al**IMMUNITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS – PROSECUTIONS FOR BRIBERY**

Providing an exception to the immunity from civil and criminal action for specified government officials for words spoken at specified meetings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 547 Senators Middleton and Frosh**NATURAL RESOURCES – NUISANCE ORGANISMS – PENALTIES**

Creating a separate criminal offense for each nuisance organism imported or possessed in violation of specified provisions of law or regulation; and authorizing a judge to award a monetary reward to a person who provides information leading to a conviction under the Act, under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

NR, § 4-205.1(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 548 Senator Pugh, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT – STUDY AND REPORT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to study and make recommendations on strategies to increase and improve minority teacher recruitment, preparation, development, and retention in elementary and secondary education in the State; requiring the Department to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 549 Senator Peters, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MULTIUSE FIELDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$4,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Board of Directors of the Greenbranch Management Group Corp. for the acquisition, planning, design, site development, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of multiuse fields, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 550 **Senator Jennings****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DISCIPLINARY AND LICENSURE PROCEDURES – REVISION**

Requiring that the continuing education requirements allow a specified licensee to receive up to a specified number of credit hours for providing specified services; requiring that the factual findings of a hearing officer under a specified provision of law be supported by clear and convincing evidence, rather than by a preponderance of the evidence; authorizing a licensee whose license has been summarily suspended by the State Board of Physicians to elect to have a hearing officer make specified final findings; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HO, §§ 14-316(d), 14-405, 14-406, 14-408, 14-5A-17.1, 14-5B-14.1, 14-5D-15, 14-5E-17, 15-313(b), & 15-315 - amended & § 14-409.1 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 551 **Senator Pinsky****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – RIVERDALE PARK TOWN HALL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WING**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Riverdale Park for the design, construction, and capital equipping of the Youth and Community Wing of the Riverdale Park Town Hall, located in Riverdale Park; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 552 Senator Gladden**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LIBERTY REC AND TECH CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Howard Park Civic Association, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Liberty Rec and Tech Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 553 Senator Getty**TIPPED EMPLOYEES – PAYMENTS OR DEDUCTION FROM WAGES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting employers from requiring a tipped employee to reimburse or pay the employer specified amounts under specified circumstances; and prohibiting employers from deducting specified amounts from a tipped employee under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

LE, § 3-713 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 554 Senator Frosh**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – PRIVATE PROCESS SERVICE – LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION**

Requiring the licensure as a private process service agency of any person who provides specified private process service; providing for the terms and renewals of the licenses, qualifications for and duties of licensees, display of licenses, and required records of a licensee; establishing specified administrative, financial, and surety bond requirements for a licensed private process service agency; establishing qualifications for and duties of certified private process servers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BOP, §§ 13.5-101 through 13.5-701 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 555 Senator Garagiola, et al**CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS**

Requiring specified individuals performing work on public work projects to complete construction safety training; requiring contractors, before beginning work on a public work contract, to provide a certification to a public body indicating that each individual working on the site has completed the construction safety training course within the past 5 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SF, §§ 17-801 through 17-808 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 556 Senator Stone**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PERSONS COMMITTED AS NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE – RELEASE**

Requiring the State's Attorney to be a party to, and have specified rights in, specified proceedings relating to the release of a person committed to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as not criminally responsible under the test for criminal responsibility; providing for specified de novo hearings in specified release cases where the underlying crime is a specified crime of violence; authorizing a court considering a specified release to continue its hearing to take additional evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CP, §§ 3-114 through 3-120 and 3-122 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 557 Senator Stone**MEDICAL RECORDS – DISCLOSURE IN RESPONSE TO COMPULSORY PROCESS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a person who discloses a medical record in response to compulsory process to make a specified certification within a specified time period to the judicial officer who issued the compulsory process; requiring the person, under specified circumstances, to include a specified statement in the certification; requiring the person to mail a copy of the certification to specified persons, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, § 9-125 - added and HG, § 4-306(b)(6)(iii) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 558 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of a residential property for the Domestic Violence Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 559 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HISTORIC BELMONT PROPERTY RESTORATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the repair, renovation, and capital equipping of buildings at the Historic Belmont Property, located in Elkridge; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 560 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – THE ARC'S HOMEWOOD ROAD RENOVATION**

For the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Arc's Homewood Road Renovation Project, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 561 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – BLANDAIR REGIONAL PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of a playground at Blandair Regional Park, located in Ellicott City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 562 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – MIDDLE PATUXENT ENVIRONMENTAL AREA**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a restroom, storage building, and staging area at Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, located in Clarksville; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 563 Senator Simonaire**ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT APPLICATIONS – NOTICE – NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on receipt of a specified permit application, to give notice immediately or require the applicant to give notice immediately by certified mail to specified counties and municipal corporations and to specified members of the General Assembly; and requiring an applicant for a specified incinerator or landfill system to give notice of the application, informational meeting, and hearings to specified counties and municipal corporations and to members of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EN, §§ 2-404 and 9-209 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 564 Senator Brinkley**FREDERICK COUNTY – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT –
APPLICATION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Establishing that the State Forest Conservation Act does not apply to activity on land owned or leased for use by the Frederick County public school system if the Frederick County Board of Education makes a specified written determination.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

NR, § 5-1602(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 565 Senator Brinkley**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – FEDERAL REPATRIATION HOLIDAY**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland corporate income tax for specified dividends included in federal taxable income as a result of a specified repatriation holiday enacted by federal legislation; requiring the Comptroller to provide for the administration of the Act if specified federal legislation is enacted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-307(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 566 Senator Brinkley**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR ALL-
TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLES**

Authorizing, under specified circumstances, the operation of all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles on highways without the vehicle being registered under the Maryland Vehicle Law; requiring a person operating an unregistered all-terrain or utility-terrain vehicle on a highway to maintain evidence of liability insurance in the vehicle; and prohibiting a person from operating a vehicle under the Act on a highway for which the posted maximum speed limit exceeds 50 miles per hour.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

TR, § 13-402(h-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 567 Senator Zirkin**CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from disclosing or helping another person to disclose an individual's personal identifying information without the individual's consent; prohibiting a person from possessing, obtaining, disclosing, or helping another person to possess, obtain, or disclose specified information under specified circumstances; and providing penalties for disclosing an individual's personal identifying information without the individual's consent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 8-301(b) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 568 Senator Zirkin**MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – UNINSURED MOTORIST BENEFITS – PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING CLAIMS**

Prohibiting the Executive Director of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund from adopting by regulation a procedural requirement that denies uninsured motorist benefits to a claimant who is an individual under a specified age solely because a family member with whom the claimant lives on a regular basis owns an uninsured motor vehicle registered in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

IN, § 20-604(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 569 Senator Kasemeyer**CAPITAL BUDGET – LOCAL INITIATIVES – MATCHING FUNDS**

Authorizing, for a project or program for which an enabling act authorizes State debt and requires a matching fund that is authorized to include in-kind contributions, the inclusion of the value of specified salaries and wages in the value of the matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

SF, § 8-128.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 570 **Senator Shank, et al****PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION GOVERNING BODIES – CHILD ABUSE MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE**

Requiring specified governing bodies that issue licenses or certificates to specified individuals to adopt specified regulations requiring each licensee or certificate holder to complete training in the recognition of child abuse and child sex abuse as a condition of licensure or certification; requiring the investigation of specified individuals and providing for specified discipline under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, § 5-704.2 and HO, § 1-220 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 571 **Senators Shank and Getty****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION**

Authorizing the Maryland Parole Commission to issue a certificate of rehabilitation to an eligible offender who meets specified requirements; providing that a certificate of rehabilitation establishes that the eligible offender has been rehabilitated from his or her previous criminal involvement; requiring the Commission to consider specified factors before issuing a certificate of rehabilitation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CS, § 7-209 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 572 **Senators Ferguson and Madaleno****MARYLAND EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE AND SCHOOL READINESS ACT (RACE TO THE TOTS)**

Establishing the Early Learning Challenge and School Readiness Grant Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the purpose and priorities of the Program; establishing the Early Learning Challenge and School Readiness Grant Program Fund as a special fund to be used for specified purposes; requiring the Department to submit a specified report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date each year; authorizing the Department to accept money from specified sources to award grants under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

ED, § 5-218 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 573 **Senator Robey, et al****COUNTY PROPERTY TAX – PERSONAL PROPERTY RATE**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of each county to set the tax rate applicable to personal property and specified operating real property at no more than 2.5 times the rate for real property; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TP, § 6-302(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 574 **Senator Robey, et al****MOTOR FUEL TAX – EXEMPTION – USE IN CITY– OR COUNTY– OWNED VEHICLES**

Exempting from the State motor fuel tax, motor fuel purchased by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county for use in city– or county–owned vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 9-303 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 575 Senator Simonaire, et al**ENVIRONMENT – MARYLAND CLEAN WATER FUND – USES**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to use specified penalties or fines that are paid into the Maryland Clean Water Fund to restore or improve specified areas associated with the penalty or fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EN, § 9-320 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 576 Senator Raskin, et al**COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND GREENING ACT OF 2013**

Requiring specified stores to charge and collect a 5-cent fee for each disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; authorizing specified stores to retain a specified amount of the fee; requiring the operator of specified stores to remit a specified amount of money to the Comptroller; and requiring the Comptroller to distribute specified amounts of money to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and eligible counties under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

BR, § 19-104 - added and NR, § 1-704 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 577 Senators Raskin and Ferguson**PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARMS – LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a person who possesses a firearm to maintain liability insurance that provides coverage of at least \$250,000 for accidental injuries caused by the firearm; requiring a person who sells, rents, or transfers a firearm to verify that the purchaser, lessee, or transferee has specified liability insurance; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring a person who possesses a firearm before the effective date of the Act to comply with the requirements of the Act on or before January 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PS, §§ 5-601 and 5-602 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 578 Senator Raskin**CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Providing that a Maryland corporation or a real estate investment trust has the power to renounce specified business opportunities in its charter or declaration of trust or by a specified resolution; repealing specified provisions of law relating to dividends payable in shares of one class of a corporation's stock to holders of shares of another class of the corporation's stock; altering the circumstances under which a corporation registered as an open-end company may redeem shares of its stock from any stockholder; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CA, Various Sections - amended and § 3-511 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 579 Senator Raskin**CHILD SUPPORT – ADJUSTED ACTUAL INCOME – MULTIFAMILY ADJUSTMENT**

Altering the definition of “adjusted actual income” under the State child support guidelines; providing for the calculation of a specified allowance required to be deducted from adjusted actual income under the child support guidelines; requiring that the amount of a specified allowance be subtracted from a parent's actual income before the court determines the amount of a child support award; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

FL, §§ 12-201(c), 12-202(a), and 12-204(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 580 Senator Raskin**MEDICAL MARIJUANA – CAREGIVER – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Establishing that it is an affirmative defense to a prosecution for the possession of marijuana or the possession of specified drug paraphernalia that the marijuana or drug paraphernalia was intended for medical use by an individual with a specified debilitating medical condition for whom the defendant is a specified caregiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

CR, §§ 5-601(c)(3) and 5-619(c)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 581 Senator Kelley, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT – CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS**

Requiring specified carriers that offer a specified health insurance policy or contract to provide, in the mental health and substance use disorder benefits sections of the health insurance policy or contract documents, notices and other information relating to the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; requiring a carrier to provide policy or contract information or documents to a member within a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 19-706(oooo) - added and IN, § 15-128 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 582 Senator Kelley, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT – UTILIZATION REVIEW CRITERIA AND STANDARDS**

Requiring the information that a private review agent submits to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in conjunction with a specified application to include certification by the private review agent that the criteria and standards to be used in conducting utilization review are, for review of mental health and substance use disorder benefits, in compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

IN, §§ 15-10B-05(a)(11) and 15-10B-11(8) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 583 Senator Pinsky, et al**ELECTION LAW – PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING OF LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Authorizing the governing body of a county to enact laws to regulate public campaign finance activity for county elective offices and candidates for those offices; specifying provisions, requirements, and limitations applicable to any county laws enacted to regulate public campaign finance activity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EL, § 13-505 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 584 **Senator Pinsky, et al****PUBLIC FUNDING AND SMALL DONOR ACT FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**

Creating a public financing system for General Assembly candidates; repealing the Public Financing Act for gubernatorial candidates; altering limits on contributions and transfers, as specified; providing that specified contributions be considered as being made by one contributor; authorizing the governing body of a county to enact laws to regulate public campaign finance activity for county elective offices and candidates for those offices, as specified; specifying expenditure limits for participating candidates; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EL, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 585 **Senator Middleton, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – FEDERAL AND STATE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION PARITY LAWS – REPORT ON COMPLIANCE**

Requiring health maintenance organizations and carriers that offer specified contracts, certificates, and policies to submit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a report certifying and outlining how each contract, certificate, and policy complies with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and State mental health and addiction parity laws; requiring the report to be submitted with a specified filing at specified times by a specified person and to include specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 19-703.1(a) - amended and § 19-703.1(f) - added and IN, § 15-802(a) - amended and § 15-802(h) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 586 Senators Middleton and Dyson**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A HUB AND SPOKE PROGRAM IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION**

Creating a Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding needs of the low-income, working poor, and unemployed populations of the Southern Maryland regions; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 587 Senator Garagiola, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – CHARLES W. RILEY FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP**

Repealing a specified tuition reimbursement program and establishing the Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship; establishing eligibility requirements for the scholarship; authorizing the use of the scholarship for specified educational expenses; authorizing the annual amount of the scholarship to be up to a specified percentage of the equivalent tuition and specified fees of a specified institution of higher education; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

ED, § 18-603.1 - added and § 18-603 - repealed and CJ, § 7-301(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 588 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$40,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 589 Senator Pugh, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – RENTAL–
PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS**

Altering the contents of a rental–purchase agreement; establishing a summary of costs form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CL, § 12-1101(i) - added and §§ 12-1103, 12-1104, 12-1111, and 12-1111.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 590 Senator Forehand, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAM REPORTS – REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Including specified additional information on a specified report required of a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team; and repealing a specified termination provision.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PS, § 3-507(b) and Chapters 542 and 543 of the Acts of 2009, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 591 Senator Pugh (Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence), et al**GOVERNMENTAL PROCEDURES – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL
INFORMATION**

Requiring government units to destroy or arrange for the destruction of records that contain specified personal or private information in a specified manner; requiring a government unit that collects, maintains, or makes available specified personal or private information of a State resident to implement and maintain specified security procedures and practices; requiring government units to notify specified residents of a breach of the security of a system under specified circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, §§ 10-1301 through 10-1309 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 31, 2013**SB 442 Senator Gladden****RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Requiring a contract awarded or renewed between a specified agency and a provider of a residential child care program to require the provider to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a specified community organization and post the memorandum of understanding in a specified location; specifying the contents of a memorandum of understanding; requiring a memorandum of understanding to be in writing and signed by specified representatives; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HU, § 8-708 - added

Reassigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs